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PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RAFAEL ALVARADO , 29, a Mexican citizen, incarcerated in the Marion County Jail, was sentenced to 21 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his guilty plea to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute marijuana. This case was the result of a investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Indianapolis Police Department.

ALVARADO was arrested by law enforcement officers on March 13, 2003 when ALVARADO entered his residence during the search of the residence by law enforcement officers. Approximately 70 pounds of marijuana was found at the residence.

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According to Josh J. Minkler, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed 3 years supervised release following 's release from imprisonment. Barker ordered Alvarado to surrender to Immigration officials upon completion of his sentence for deportation.

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